

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed February 28, 2007, the Office Action rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. By this paper, claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12-13, 15 and 17 have been amended.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

A. Rejection of Claims 1-18 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office Action rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,519,704 to Farinacci et al (hereinafter, “Ferinacci”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,036,518 to Tseung (hereinafter, “Tseung”). In view of the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

The factual inquiries that are relevant in the determination of obviousness are determining the scope and contents of the prior art, ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims in issue, resolving the level of ordinary skill in the art, and evaluating evidence of secondary consideration. KSR Int’l Co. v. Teleflex Inc., 550 U.S. ___, 2007 U.S. LEXIS 4745, at **4-5 (2007) (citing Graham v. John Deere Co. of Kansas City, 383 U.S. 1, 17-18 (1966)). To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the prior art references “must teach or suggest all the claim limitations.” M.P.E.P. § 2142. Moreover, the analysis in support of an obviousness rejection “should be made explicit.” KSR, 2007 U.S. LEXIS 4745, at **37. “[R]ejections on obviousness grounds cannot be sustained by mere conclusory statements; instead, there must be some articulated reasoning with some rational underpinning to support the legal conclusion of obviousness.” Id. (citing In re Kahn, 441 F.3d 977, 988 (Fed. Cir. 2006)).

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims at issue are patentably distinct from the cited references. The cited references do not teach or suggest all of the limitations in these claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite “receiving, by a server computer, a request to perform a task,” and “receiving, by said server computer, a request to complete said task.” Additionally, claim

1 has been amended to recite “wherein the performance of said task is triggered by an event occurring on said server computer or said network.” Support for this limitation may be found in Applicants’ specification, page 4, lines 8-11.

Applicants respectfully assert that these limitations are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Instead, Farinacci teaches “[n]ode C 301c has no feasible successor for its route to node N 301n, so it sends a query packet 403 as its response to node B 301b.” Farinacci, col. 5, lines 53-55. Farinacci also teaches that “it has no neighbor node with a passive route to node N 301n, so it responds to the query packet 403 from node C 301c with a reply packet 404 saying that it does not have a route to node N 301n.” Farinacci, col. 5, lines 60-63. Thus, Farinacci does not teach or suggest “receiving, by a server computer, a request to perform a task,” and “receiving, by said server computer, a request to complete said task.” Nor does Farinacci teach or suggest “wherein the performance of said task is triggered by an event occurring on said server computer or said network.”

As set forth above, Farinacci does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 1. As such, the combination of Farinacci, in view of Tseung, also does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 1. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claims 2-3 depend directly from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 2-3 be withdrawn for at least the same reasons as those presented above in connection with claim 1.

Claim 4 has been amended to recite “receiving, by a server computer, a request to send information,” and “receiving, by said server computer, a request for said information.” Additionally, claim 4 has been amended to recite “wherein the sending of said information is triggered by an event occurring on said server computer or said network.” Support for this limitation may be found in Applicants’ specification, page 4, lines 8-11.

For the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, Farinacci does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 4. As such, the combination of Farinacci, in view of Tseung, also does not

teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 4. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 4 be withdrawn.

Claims 5-6 depend directly from claim 4. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 5-6 be withdrawn for at least the same reasons as those presented above in connection with claim 4.

Claim 7 has been amended to recite “receiving, by a server computer, a request to perform a task,” and “receiving, by said server computer, a request to complete said task.” Additionally, claim 7 has been amended to recite “wherein the performance of said task is triggered by an event occurring on said server computer or said network.” Support for this limitation may be found in Applicants’ specification, page 4, lines 8-11.

For the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, Farinacci does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 7. As such, the combination of Farinacci, in view of Tseung, also does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 7. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 7 be withdrawn.

Claim 8 depends directly from claim 7. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 8 be withdrawn for at least the same reasons as those presented above in connection with claim 7.

Claim 9 has also been amended to recite “receiving, by a server computer, a request to perform a task,” and “receiving, by said server computer, a request to complete said task.” Additionally, claim 9 has been amended to recite “wherein the performance of said task is triggered by an event occurring on said server computer or said network.” Support for this limitation may be found in Applicants’ specification, page 4, lines 8-11.

For the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, Farinacci does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 9. As such, the combination of Farinacci, in view of Tseung, also does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 9. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 9 be withdrawn.

Claims 10-11 depend directly from claim 9. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 10-11 be withdrawn for at least the same reasons as those presented above in connection with claim 9.

Claim 12 has also been amended to recite “receiving, by a server computer, a request to perform a task.” Additionally, claim 12 has been amended to recite “wherein the sending of said information is triggered by an event occurring on said server computer or said network.” Support for this limitation may be found in Applicants’ specification, page 4, lines 8-11.

For the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, Farinacci does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 12. As such, the combination of Farinacci, in view of Tseung, also does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 12. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 12 be withdrawn.

Claims 13-14 depend directly from claim 12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 13-14 be withdrawn for at least the same reasons as those presented above in connection with claim 12.

Claim 15 has been amended to recite “receiving, by a server computer, a request to perform a task,” and “receiving, by said server computer, a request to complete said task.” Additionally, claim 15 has been amended to recite “wherein the performance of said task is triggered by an event occurring on said server computer or said network.” Support for this limitation may be found in Applicants’ specification, page 4, lines 8-11.

For the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, Farinacci does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 15. As such, the combination of Farinacci, in view of Tseung, also does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 15. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 15 be withdrawn.

Claim 16 depends directly from claim 15. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 16 be withdrawn for at least the same reasons as those presented above in connection with claim 15.

Claim 17 has been amended to recite “wherein performance of said task is triggered by an event occurring on said server.” Support for this limitation may be found in Applicants’ specification, page 14, lines 9-11.

For the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, Farinacci does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 17. As such, the combination of Farinacci, in view of Tseung, also does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 17. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 17 be withdrawn.

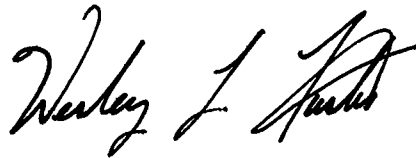
Claim 18 depends directly from claim 17. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 18 be withdrawn for at least the same reasons as those presented above in connection with claim 17.

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B. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully assert that all pending claims are patentably distinct from the cited references, and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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